विश्व के बाजार में खाद्य-प्रसंस्करण उद्योग द्वारा प्रतिस्पर्धा का सामना

*172. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वि पर आधारित औद्योगिक उत्पादों के समर्थन मूल्यों में की गई अत्यधिक वृद्धि से खाद्य-प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना है ;

(ख) क्या इसके परिणामस्वरूप खाद्य-प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों द्वारा उत्पादित वस्तुएं अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में प्रतिस्पर्धा नहीं कर पायेंगी ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन वस्तुओं को और अधिक प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं या उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

वस्त्र तथा खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री (श्री हुकुमदेव नारायण यादव): (क) वि पर आधारित औद्योगिक उत्पादों का समर्थन मूल्य निर्धारित करने की कोई नीति नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Extension of textile workers' rehabilitation fund scheme to the state of Gujarat

*173. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has made a request for the extension of Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme in case of partially closed textile mills.

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken so far in this regard; and

(c) whether Central Government have taken any action on the request of the State Government for the relaxation of the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India for lending assistance to new managements which are willing to re-open closed textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible to extend the scheme to partially closed mills due to funds constraints.

(c) The proposal of the Government of Gujarat for relaxation of norms for grant of working capital to sick textile units was discussed in a meeting held by Secretary, Textiles, with representatives of Department of Banking, Reserve Bank of India, Industrial Development Bank of India and the Government of Gujarat. While general relaxation of the norms was not agreed to, the representatives of Reserve Bank of India and Industrial Development Bank of India agreed to consider relaxation of guidelines on a case to case basis, upon merits.

Cases pending in the Shillong Bench of the Guwahati High Court

*174. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bench of the Guwahati High Court at Shillong has not been functioning satisfactorily as a result of which the people of Shillong and Meghalaya have to approach Guwahati High Court proper;

(b) what is the number of cases from Meghalaya pending before the Guwahati High Court proper;

(c) what is the number of sittings that the Shillong Bench had in the last one year and the total duration thereof;

(d) whether Meghalaya Government has been representing for the setting up of a full-fledged High Court at Shillong and has made land available for the purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not taking any decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) to (e) According to information received from the Registry of Guwahati High Court, 388 main cases relating to Meghalaya were pending in the Guwahati High Court on 1.1.90.

It is agreed, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for all the North Eastern States, including Meghalaya. The Government of Meghalaya were told in 1987 that, to begin with the existing Circuit Bench of the Gauhati High Court at Shillong would be converted into a permanent Bench as soon as necessary infrastructural facilities were provided by the State Government. The necessary facilities have not yet been made available. No complaints have however been received from the State Government against the functioning of the existing Circuit Bench.

The information regarding the number and duration of sitting of the Circuit Bench at Shillong during last one year is awaited from the Registry of the Gauhati High Court.

Establishment of food processing plants

*175. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many food processing plants came into existence after the formation of the Ministry at the Centre;

(b) what were the total number of food processing plants in India before Ministry came into existence; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish new food processing plants in different parts of the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Food Processing Industries are in the organised and unorganised sectors. Most of the Food Processing Industries are de-licensed. Information in respect of all the food processing industries in the different sectors is not being maintained centrally. In view of this, it is not possible to give an authentic information about the number of all the food processing plants in India which were in existence before the Ministry of Food Processing Industries came into existence in July, 1988 and the number of all the plants which have been set up after the formation of the Ministry.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not have any proposal to set up new food processing units directly in any State. However, this Ministry has formulated several plan schemes under which assistance is provided to the State governments, co-operative societies, public sector undertakings, etc. for development of food processing industries.

चमड़े की वस्तुओं का निर्यात

*176. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत वर्षों से चमड़े की अनेक वस्तुओं का देश से निर्यात किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों में वर्ष-वार कितने मूल्य का निर्यात किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि चालू वर्ष में इस निर्यात में कमी आने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि चमड़े की इन वस्तुओं का निर्यात मुख्यत: अमरीका, सोवियत रूस तथा अन्य यूरोपीय